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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: ITEK Clearances and Activity at PIC

REFERENCE: Memo from [REDACTED] dated  
13 May 1959

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1. I concur that [REDACTED] need to be cleared for 'T' if they are to have a chance of fully understanding the data handling problem at PIC. However, I am not sure of Mr. Bissell's disposition in this regard.

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2. From a personal viewpoint, I do not feel that we can presently afford to spend more time with ITEK on this problem. My observations in support of this conclusion are as follows:

a. [REDACTED] at first appeared to have set views as to what was required. To date he apparently has been unable to assimilate the detail. He would now try to modify his views and dig a little deeper. Since we do not really know what the demands on the Minicard System will be or the retrieval speed required, how can "outsiders," incompletely aware of the intelligence demands, make a judgment for us. It would appear far more sensible to try our present system for a period and then assess our experience.

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b. Personnel presently primarily concerned with [REDACTED] area of interest are very closely associated with our work in planning for the exploitation of "C". With present schedules of activity we can hardly afford to devote more time to ITEK on this problem.

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c. ITEK must complete its study by 30 May 1959; therefore, it would seem clear that time has just about run out.

d. I don't think that we can spend more time at present in making Minicard compatible with Sentry.

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3. Despite the foregoing points, if Mr. Bissell wants [redacted] "T" cleared and their work reflected in ITEK's final report and best recommendations on the data handling problem, we will cooperate and assist their investigations as rapidly and completely as practicable.

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Encl: Memo from [redacted]  
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